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THE PREFACE TO THE READER.

BY *Order of both Houses of Parliament*, The Proceedings upon the late Impeachments *have been severaly Printed. And the World is obliged to a private Hand for Publishing*, The Proceedings and Resolutions of the House of Commons in relation to the Bill for Taking, Examining, and Stating the Publick Accounts of the Kingdom.

In the former at one veiw are seen the late Differences betwixt the two Houses, and the Impartial Reader may easily judge, whether the Matters in Dispute tended to the Invading the Lords just Rights of Judicature, or Defeating the Commons Right of Impeachments; a Power Fundamentally lodged in the House of Commons *by its Primitive Institution for preserving the Liberties of the* Commons *of* England, *and protecting them against the Oppressions of Great Men; which they can neither tamely give up, nor suffer to be ravished from them without a great breach of Trust to those they Represent; for whenever either happens their Liberties will become Precarious, and without greater Vertue than has been lately experienced, will soon be trampled on, and subverted.*

In the latter, the prudent care of the Commons *appears, in requiring an Account of the many Millions of Money raised upon the good People of* England, *and which are yet un-accounted for. How, and by what means, this Bill came to miscarry, is as well known to those who will consider who have had the Management of those vast Sums, and who were the Accomptants to be screened, as the* Inconvenences *are that attend the not Passing it.*

These Publications have encouraged what follows, for without Question they have been of good use to satisfie many honest well-meaning Persons, who were not blindly led by Noise and Clamour, who were not Slaves to a Party, but sincerely love and desire the Welfare of England, *and the Preservation of our excellent Constitution.*

There are others indeed have particular Ends to serve by their Misrepresentations, themselves or their Patrons to support and maintain in their large and rapacious Acquisitions, and 'tis not to be expected such will own any Conviction, their Practices have long shewn their Principles allow that convenient Latitude to be againſt Truth, whenever ſhe is againſt them. Fortiter calumniare *has been always their Maxim, and I beleive was never more vehemently, nor impudently followed.*

Were there no other Aims than those they profess, we should had no Kentiſh Petition, *the Petitioners must have known the* House of Commons *wanted not any quickening in their Resolutions, and that to desire* their moſt ſincere endeavour to anſwer the great Truſt repoſed in them by their Country, *was an undeserved, and therefore* Scandalous, Inſolent and Seditious *Insinuation and Reproach upon that Assembly.*

Among the many Calumnies that have been of late very industriously spread abroad to reflect on, and asperse the Proceedings in the late Session of Parliament. Their not engaging in a War againſt *France*, and want of Supporting the *Dutch*, *have been none of the leaſt. These will appear very unjust and and groundless to those that will give themselves the trouble to peruse the following Proceedings, where they will plainly*

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ſee the ſenſe the Commons *had of the Dangers that threatned this Nation, and the Liberties of* Europe, *their early Concern and Zeal for* ſupporting *the* Dutch, *and our other Allies againſt the Power of* France, *and above all, how far the ſame from time to time met with their Approbation and Thanks of his* Majeſty, *whom we muſt all acknowledge to be the beſt Judge in theſe Matters.*

But this was not enough, the Houſe of Commons *muſt be* implored to have regard to the Voice of the People, that our Religion and Safety may be effectually provided for, That their Loyal Addreſſes may be turned into Bills of Supply, and His Majeſty enabled powerfully to Aſſiſt His Allies before it is too late.

Here are very extraordinary and malicious Inſinuations again, as if our Religion *and* Safety *were neglected, as if no* Supply *was intended, nor any care taken to* Aſſiſt our Allies. *If the Petitioners had nothing more in their Thoughts than theſe Benefits to their Country, they muſt have ſeen there was no occaſion for theſe Applications.*

For the Kentiſh Petition *was preſented to the* Houſe of Commons *the* 8th *of* May, *before which time the* Bill of Succeſſion *(the beſt Security for our Religion) was Reſolved, and almoſt gone through the* Houſe; *the* Supply *was voted, the* Quantum *in a manner ſettled, and the Bill depending for an Aide of Three Shillings in the Pound, and then for* Aſſiſting our Allies *the Reader will here be ſatisfied, how often that had been under Conſideration, what wiſe and vigorous Reſolutions had been taken, and with what Unanimity they were Reſolved.*

But why would the Petitioners then unneceſſarily trouble themſelves, and the Houſe of Commons? *There is another Particular in the Petition explains all.* Union *was to be recommended (which is at all times deſirable, but more eſpecially in nice and critical Junctures) it is well known where ſome Men place there Center of* Union, *it is with Themſelves, and their Party, and their cry for* Union *is that you may joyn them. It is like their* Plea *for* Moderation, *which is only heard of when they are out of Authority, but never ſeen, felt, or underſtood, when they have it in their Power to Oppreſs and Tyrannize over others.*

It is hoped no Pretence whatſoever ſhall be able to create a Miſunderſtanding among our ſelves, or the leaſt Diſtruſt of His Majeſty. *Here all comes out, and you have what moſt affects them, they were quiet till the Impeachments were Voted, but then the* Houſe of Commons *were to look to it, they were to ſuffer, and to be traduced with the foulеſt Imputations, Malice and Revenge could caſt upon them. But cannot Criminals be brought to condign Puniſhment without creating a Miſunderſtanding? Cannot a* Whitney *or a* Kidd *be apprehended and put into a method of Proſecution for their Crimes? Or what is worſe, Plunderers, and Robbers of the Publick, Evil Miniſters be Impeached by the Commons in Parliament, but there muſt be an Outcry preſently of creating a Miſunderſtanding, becauſe the Gang becauſe their Accomplices, and thoſe that have too long received Advantage from their Crimes are Uneaſie and Diſcontented? And as for diſtruſting His Majeſty, the* Houſe of Commons *have too juſt a ſenſe of* thoſe Great Actions *(of which they need not to be reminded) ever to do it; and leave it to the World to judge, who has moſt Diſtruſt of His* Majeſty, *whether thoſe that diſtinguiſh betwixt His* Majeſty *and His Miniſters, thoſe that adhere to the true Maxim of our Government,* That the King can do no Wrong, *or thoſe that to excuſe their own Crimes would lay all the Blame on Him, contrary to the fulleſt and cleareſt Evidence againſt themſelves.*

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In relation to the Dangers that Threaten *England*, and the Liberties of *Europe*, from the late Succeſſion to the Crown of *Spain*.

Veneris 14, *Februarii* 1700.

MR. *Speaker* reported that His Majeſty had been pleaſed on *Tueſday* laſt to make a moſt Gracious Speech to both Houſes of Parliament, and that (to prevent Miſtakes) he had deſired and obtained a Copy thereof, which he read to the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

OUR great Misfortune in the loſs of the Duke of Gloceſter, *hath made it abſolutely Neceſſary, that there ſhould be a further Proviſion for the Succeſſion to the Crown in the Proteſtant Line after Me and the Princeſs. The Happineſs of the Nation, and the Security of Our Religion, which is Our chiefeſt Concern, ſeems ſo much to depend upon this, that I cannot Doubt but it will meet with a general Concurrence, and I earneſtly Recommend it to your early and effectual Conſideration.*

The Death of the late King of Spain, *with the Declaration of his Succeſſor to that Monarchy, has made ſo great an Alteration in the Affairs Abroad, That I muſt deſire you very maturely to Conſider their preſent State; and I make no doubt but your Reſolutions thereupon will be ſuch, as ſhall be moſt conducing to the Intereſt and Safety of* England, *the Preſervation of the Proteſtant Religion in general, and the Peace of all* Europe.

Theſe things are of ſuch Weight, that I have thought them moſt proper for the Conſideration of a new Parliament, to have the more immediate Senſe of the Kingdom in ſo great a Conjuncture.

I muſt Deſire of you, Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons, *ſuch Supplies as you ſhall judge neceſſary for the Service of the Current Year, and I muſt particularly put you in mind of the Deficiencies and Publick Debts occaſioned by the late War, that are yet unprovided for.*

I am obliged further to Recommend to you, That you would Inſpect the Condition of the Fleet, and Conſider what Repairs or Augmentations may be requiſite for the Navy, which is the great Bulwark of the Engliſh *Nation, and ought moſt eſpecially in this Conjuncture to be put in a good Condition; and that you would alſo Conſider what is proper for the better Security of thoſe Places where the Ships are laid up in Winter.*

The Regulation and Improvement of Our Trade is of ſo Publick Concern, that I hope it will ever have your ſerious Thoughts; And if you can find proper means of ſetting the Poor at work, you will eaſe your ſelves of a very great Burthen; And at the ſame time add ſo many uſeful Hands to be employed in Our Manufactures and other Publick Occaſions.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I hope there will be ſuch an Agreement and Vigour in the Reſolutions you ſhall take upon the Important Matters now before you, as may make it appear We are firmly United among Our ſelves, and in my Opinion nothing can contribute more to Our ſafety at Home, or to Our being conſiderable Abroad.

Reſolved Nemine contradicente.

That this Houſe will to morrow Morning at eleven a Clock take into Conſideration His Majeſty's moſt Gracious Speech to both Houſes of Parliament.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will ſtand by, and Support His Majeſty and his Government, and take ſuch effectual Meaſures, as may beſt conduce to the Intereſt and Safety of *England,* the Preſervation of the Proteſtnat Religion and the Peace of *Europe.*

Reſolved, That the ſaid Reſolutions be preſented to His Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, do humbly know His Majeſty's Pleaſure when he will be attended by this Houſe.

Sabbati 15, die Februarii 1700.

Mr. Secretary *Vernon* acquainted the Houſe, That His Majeſty had been pleaſed to appoint to be attended by this Houſe upon *Monday* next at four a Clock in the afternoon at *Kenſington.*

Martis 17, die Februarii 1700

Mr. *Speaker* reported to the Houſe that he with the Houſe did attend His Majeſty yeſterday with their Reſolution of the Fourteenth Inſtant, and that His Majeſty was pleaſed to give this Gracious Anſwer.

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for this Addreſs, and your ready Concurrence to thoſe Great Ends therein mentioned, which I take to be extremely Important to the Honour and Safety of England; *And I aſſure you I ſhall never propoſe any thing but what is for Our Common Advantage and Security.*

Having this Occaſion I think it proper to acquaint you that yeſterday I received a Memorial from the Envoy Extraordinary of the States General, *a Tranſlation whereof I leave with you; As to the firſt Part of it, I think it neceſſary to ask your Advice; and as to the latter Part, I deſire your Aſſiſtance.*

And that His Majeſty had been pleaſed to put into his Hand the ſaid Memorial, which he read to the Houſe.

Reſolved Nemine Contradicente.

That this Houſe will upon *Thurſday* Morning next at Eleven a Clock, Reſolve it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of His Majeſty's moſt Gracious Anſwer.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of His Majeſty s moſt Honourable Privy Council, That he will be pleaſed to cauſe the Treaty between *England* and the *States General* of the Third of *March* one thouſand ſix hundred and ſeventy ſeven, and all the Renewals thereof ſince that time, to be laid before the Houſe.

Jovis 20, *Februarii* 1700.

Mr. Secretary *Hedger* acquainted the Houſe, That His Majeſty (according to their Addreſs) had been pleaſed to give him Direction to lay before this Houſe Copies of the Treaty with the *States General* of the *United Provinces* of the Third of *March*, one thouſand ſix hundred ſeventy and ſeven, and the Renewals thereof ſince that time: And he preſented the ſame to the Houſe accordingly, *viz.* A Copy of the Treaty of the Third of *March*, one thouſand ſix hundred and ſeventy ſeven, and the Tranſlation thereof. And alſo a Copy of the Ratification of the Seventeenth of *Auguſt*, one thouſand ſix hundred eighty five, and the Tranſlation thereof. A Copy of the Renewal of the Treaties of the Twenty Fourth of *Auguſt*, one thouſand ſix hundred eighty nine, and a Tranſlation thereof.

The Titles whereof were read.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Treaties be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider of His Majeſty's Gracious Anſwer to the Addreſs of this Houſe.

Ordered, That His Majeſty's ſaid Gracious Anſwer, and the Memorial therewith delivered, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the *Serjeant* do go with the Mace into *Weſtminſter-Hall*, and *Court of Requeſts* and Places adjacent, and Summon the Members there to attend the ſervice of the Houſe immediately.

And he went accordingly. And being returned

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider of His Majeſty's Gracious Anſwer to the Addreſs of the Houſe; and after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Colonel *Granville* reported from the ſaid Committee that they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Reſolved, That the report be received immediately.

Colonel *Granville* reported from the ſaid Committee the ſaid Reſolution; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe *Nemine Contradicente*, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to His Majeſty, That he will pleaſe to enter into ſuch Negotiations in Concert with the *States General* of the *United Provinces*, and other Potentates, as may moſt effectually conduce to the mutual Safety of theſe Kingdoms and the *States General*, and the Preſervation of the Peace of *Europe*; And giving him Aſſurances of Support and Aſſiſtance in Performance of the Treaty made with the *States General* the Third of *March*, one thouſand ſix hundred and ſeventy ſeven.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to His Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of the Houſe as are of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, do humbly know His Majeſty's Pleaſure when he will be attended by this Houſe.

Veneris 21, *die Februarii* 1700.

Mr. Secretary *Hedges* acquainted the Houſe that His Majeſty had been pleaſed to appoint to be attended by this Houſe this Afternoon at Four a Clock, at *Kenſington*.

Sabbati 22, *die Februarii* 1700.

Mr. *Speaker* reported that the Houſe having yeſterday attended His Majeſty and preſented to him their Addreſs, His Majeſty was pleaſed thereupon to give the Gracious Anſwer following, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I thank you heartily for the Advice you have given Me, and your unanimous Reſolution to Support and Aſſiſt Me in making good the Treaty mentioned in your Addreſs; And I will immediately order my Miniſters Abroad, to enter into Negotiations *in concert with the* States General, *and other Potentates, for the attaining thoſe Great Ends which you deſire.*

Nothing can more effectually conduce to Our Security, than the Unanimity and Vigour, you have ſhewed on this Occaſion; And I ſhall always Endeavour on my Part, to Preſerve and Encreaſe this Mutual Truſt and Confidence between Us.

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Martis 18, *die Martis* 1700.

Mr. Secretary *Hedges* acquainted the Houſe, that he had a Meſſage to deliver to the Houſe from His Majeſty ſigned by him; And he preſented the ſame to the Houſe, and the ſame was read by Mr. *Speaker*, and is as follows, *viz.*

William R.

HIS Majeſty having directed Mr. Stanhope *his Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentionary at the* Hague, *to enter into Negotiations in concert with the* States General *of the* United Provinces, *and other Potentates, for the mutual Security of* England *and* Holland, *and the Preſervation of the Peace of* Europe, *according to an Addreſs of this Houſe to that effect. And the ſaid Mr.* Stanhope *having tranſmitted to His Majeſty Copies of the Demands made by himſelf, and the Deputies of the* States *upon that Subject, to the* French *Embaſſadour there, His Majeſty has thought fit to Communicate the ſame to you, it being His Majeſty's Gracious Intention to acquaint you from time to time with the State and Progreſs of theſe Negotiations, into which he has enter'd, purſuant to your Addreſs above-mentioned.*

Kenſington *the* 17th *of* March, 1700.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will upon *Friday* morning next take into Conſideration His Majeſty's ſaid Gracious Meſſage.

Veneris 21, *die Martii* 1700.

The Houſe proceeded (according to order) to take into Conſideration His Majeſty's Gracions Meſſage to this Houſe upon *Tueſday* laſt; and the ſame was again read by Mr. *Speaker*, and afterwards the Propoſals made to the *French* Embaſſadour by Mr. *Stanhope*.

And alſo.

The Tranſlation of the Reſolutions of the *States General* for treating with Monſieur *d'Avaux* the Twenty Second of *March* one thouſand ſeven hundred, were read.

Reſolved, That the Treaty of Partition be read.

And the ſame was read accordingly.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His Majeſty to return the Thanks of this Houſe for his Gracious Meſſage, wherein He is pleaſed to communicate his Royal Intentions to acquaint this Houſe from time to time with the State and Progreſs of thoſe Negotiations into which His Majeſty has entred purſuant to the Addreſs of this Houſe.

And alſo to lay before His Majeſty the ill Conſequences of the Treaty of Partition (paſſed under the Great Seal of *England* during the ſitting of Parliament, and without the Advice of the ſame) to this Kingdom and the Peace of *Europe*, whereby ſuch large Territories of the King of *Spain*'s Dominions were to be delivered up to the *French* King.

Reſolved, That a Committee be appointed to draw up the ſaid Addreſs.

And a Committee was appointed accordingly.

Lunæ 24, *die Martii* 1700.

Sir *Edward Seymour* reported from the Committee to whom it was referred to draw up an Humble Addreſs to be preſented to His Majeſty, That they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly, which they had directed him to Report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read, and (with an Amendment) agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented unto His Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, do humbly know His Majeſty's Pleaſure, when He will be attended by this Houſe.

Martii 25, *die Martii* 1701.

Mr. Secretary *Hedges* acquainted the Houſe that His Majeſty had been pleaſed to appoint to be attended by this Houſe to morrow at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon at *Kenſington*.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Houſe of Commons to the King.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WHereas nothing can more conduce to the Safety and Honour of Your Majeſty and this Nation, than taking the Advice of your *Engliſh* Councils, We your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Commons in this Parliament Aſſembled, do, with all Humility, return Your Majeſty

Majeſty our hearty Thanks for your Gracious Meſſage, wherein you are pleaſed to Communicate your Royal Intentions to acquaint this Houſe with the State and Progreſs of thoſe Negotiations into which your Majeſty was enter'd, purſuant to the Addreſs of this Houſe, which Method had your Majeſty been adviſed to take before the Treaty of Partition was perfected, which was paſſed under the Great Seal of *England*, during the ſitting of Parliament, and without Advice of the ſame, we had been prevented from laying before your Majeſty, what we are now bound in Duty [though with Greife] to do, the ill Conſequences of that Treaty to this Kingdom and the Peace of *Europe*, which ſo directly tended to encreaſe the Power and Greatneſs of *France*, by delivering up to the *French* King ſuch large Territories of the King of *Spains* Dominions, and to the deſtruction of the Trade of this Kingdom, to which Treaty may juſtly be aſcribed the Dangers which now threaten both this Kingdom, and the Peace of *Europe*.

Jovis 27. *die Martii*, 1701.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That he, with the Houſe, did Yeſterday preſent to his Majeſty their Addreſs. And that His Majeſty was pleas'd to give this Gracious Anſwer.

Gentlemen,

I Am glad you are pleas'd with my Communicating to you the State of the Negotiations I have entred into, purſuant to your Addreſs. I ſhall continue to inform you of the Progreſs ſhall be made in them, and be always willing to receive your Advice thereupon, being fully perſwaded, that nothing can contribute more effectually to the Happineſs of this Kingdom, and the Peace of Europe, *than the Concurrence of the Parliament in all my Negotiations, and a good Underſtanding between Me and my People.*

Lunæ 31. *Die Martii*, 1701.

Mr. Secretary *Hedges* acquainted the Houſe, That he had a Meſſage to this Houſe Signed by his Majeſty ; which he preſented to the Houſe.

Together with an Extract out of the Regiſter of the Reſolutions of the *States General*, *April* 4 *New Stile*.

The Reſolution of the *States General*, *April* the Fourth, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and One about Succours.

The Tranſlation of the Envoy of the *States General's* Memorial *March* the Thirtieth, One Thouſand Seven Hundred ; And the ſaid Meſſage was read by *Mr. Speaker*, and is as followeth, *viz.*

William R.

HIS Majeſty having received an Accouut from Mr. Stanhope *His Envoy Extraordinary at the* Hague, *That the* French *Ambaſſador there had declared to the Penſſionary, That the King his Maſter had no other Anſwer to return to the Demands made by the* States General *of the* United Provinces, *than that he is ready to renew and confirm the Treaty of* Ryſwick, *it being all the Security the* States *are to expect; And that he has no Orders to give any Anſwer to his Majeſty's ſaid Envoy, but if his Majeſty has any thing to Demand, it may be done by his Ambaſſador at* Paris, *or to the* French *Miniſter at* London, *and that he has no Commiſſion to treat with any but the* States. *And his Majeſty having alſo received two Reſolutions of the* States, *and a Memorial from their Envoy here, relating to the Ships they are ſending to join his Majeſtie's Fleet, and the Succours they deſire may be haſtened to them, by vertue of the Treaty made the Third of* March *One Thouſand Six Hundred Seventy Seven, his Majeſty has thought fit to Communicate the whole to this Houſe, that they may be particularly informed of the preſent State of Affairs abroad, where the Negotiations ſeem to be at an end, by the poſſitive Anſwer the* French *Ambaſſador has given to the States. Which his Majeſty recommends to the ſerious Conſideration of the Houſe, as a* Matter *of the greateſt Weight and Conſequence ; and deſires that they will give his Majeſty ſuch Advice thereupon, as may be for our own Security, and that of the* States General, *and the Peace of* Europe.

Kenſington, *the* 31ſt *of* March, 1701.

And the Titles of the ſaid Extract and Tranſlations were read.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will upon *Wedneſday* Morning next take into Conſideration his Majeſty's moſt Gracious Meſſage.

Mercurii 2. *die Aprilis*, 1701.

The Houſe proceeded [according to Order] to take into Conſideration his Majeſty's moſt Gracious Meſſage upon *Monday* laſt, and the ſame was again read.

Reſolved Nemine Contradicente, That the humble Advice of this Houſe be given his Majeſty to deſire, That his Majeſty will will be pleas'd to carry on the Negotiations in concert with the *States General*, and take ſuch Meaſures therein as may moſt conduce to their Security ; And that his Majeſty will purſue the Treaty made with the *States General* the Third of *March*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Seventy Seven. And to aſſure his Majeſty, That this Houſe will effectually enable him to ſupport the ſaid Treaty of One Thouſand Six Hundred Seventy Seven.

Then the the Order of the Day, for the Houſe to Reſolve it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider farther of the Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, being read.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do take into Conſideration the enabling his Majeſty to make good the Treaty with the *States General* of the Third of *March*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Seventy Seven.

Then the Houſe Reſolved it ſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe, and after ſome time ſpent therein Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Conyers* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Order'd, That the ſaid Report be made to Morrow morning.

Jovis 3. *die Aprilis*, 1701.

Mr. *Conyers* [according to order] reported from the Committee, to whom it was referred to conſider farther of the Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards deliver'd in at the Table, where the ſame was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz*.

Reſolved, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty, to enable him to ſupport and maintain the Treaty made with the *States General*, the Third of *March*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Seventy Seven.

Reſolved, That the Reſolution Yeſterday of the Advice of this Houſe given to his Majeſty, be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council.

Lunæ 7. *die Aprilis*, 1701.

Mr. Secretary *Hedges* acquainted the Houſe, That their Reſolution of Advice [of *Wedneſday* laſt] having been preſented to his Majeſty, his Majeſty has been pleaſed to give a moſt Gracious Anſwer, to the effect following, *viz*.

That according to the Advice of the Houſe of Commons, his Majeſty has given order to his Envoy Extraordinary at the Hague, *to carry on the Negotiations in concert with the* States General, *and to take ſuch meaſures therein, as moſt conduce to their Security.*

His Majeſty thanks you for the Aſſurance you have given, That this Houſe will effectually enable him to ſupport the Treaty of One Thouſand Six Hundred Seventy Seven, and will purſue the ſame as you Adviſe.

He does not doubt but the readineſs you have ſhewn upon this occaſion, will very much contribute to the obtaining ſuch a Security as is deſired.

Jovis 24. *die Aprilis*, 1701.

Mr. Secretary *Hedges* acquainted the Houſe, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed [in purſuance of his Gracious Declaration, that he would inform this Houſe of the Progreſs ſhould be made in the Negotiations he had entr'd into] to direct him to lay before this Houſe, the Tranſlation of the *States Generals* Reſolution of the Treaty the Third of *April*, New Stile, and he delivered the ſame in at the Table, where the ſame was read.

Jovis 8. *die Maii*, 1701.

Mr. Secretary *Hedges* acquainted the Houſe, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed by him to ſend to this Houſe a moſt Gracious Meſſage in Writing, Signed by his Majeſty, and that there being mentioned therein ſeveral Papers, he has the ſame to Produce. Aud he delivered the ſaid Meſſage and Papers in at the Table.

And the Meſſage was read by Mr. *Speaker*, and is followeth, *viz*.

William R.

HIS Majeſty having lately received an Account from Mr. Stanhope, *of the preſent poſture of Affairs in* Holland, *and likewiſe a Letter from the* States General, *which is of the greateſt Importance; and his Majeſty who has ſo perfect a knowledge of their Country, being entirely convinc'd of the hardſhip of their preſent Condition, and the great Preſſures they now lie under, which are particularly expreſſed in the abovementioned Letter, has thought it abſolutely neceſſary to Communicate the ſame to this Houſe, that the Expectation the* States *have of preſent Aſſiſtance from his Majeſty may more fully appear. And his Majeſty does not doubt but this Houſe will be ſo juſtly ſenſible of thoſe immediate Dangers to which they ſtand expoſed, as to take the ſame into their moſt ſerious and effectual Conſideration, it being moſt evident, that the ſafety of* England, *as well as the very being of* Holland, *does very much depend upon your Reſolutions in this matter.*

Kenſington *May* 8. 1701.

Then

Then a Letter from the *States General* to his Majeſty was read.
And a Letter to Mr *Stanhope* to Mr. Secretary *Hedges* was read.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will too morrow morning take into Conſideration his Majeſty's moſt Gracious Meſſage.

Veneris 9. die Maii, 1701.

The Houſe [according to order] proceeded to take into Conſideration his Majeſty's moſt Gracious Meſſage Yeſterday ; and the ſame, and the Letter from the *States General* to his Majeſty, and alſo the Letter from Mr. *Stanhope* to Mr. Secretary *Hedges* were again read.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That this Houſe will effectualy aſſiſt his Majeſty to ſupport his Allies in Maintaining the Liberty of *Europe*. And will immediately provide Succours for the States *General*, according to the Treaty of the Third of *March*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Seventy Seven.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Reſolution be preſented to his Majeſty.

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Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Honſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council,do humbly know his Majeſty's Pleaſure when He will be attended by this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will pleaſe to give Order that an Eſtimate be laid before this Houſe of the Charges of the Succours for the *States General* according to the Treaty of the Third of *March*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Seventy Seven.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council.

Sabbati 10, *die Maii* 1701.

Mr. Secretary *Vernon* acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs having been preſented to his Majeſty, That he would be pleaſed to give Order for an Eſtimate of the Charge of the Succours for the *States General*, according to the Treaty of the Third of *March*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Seventy Seven, to be laid before this Houſe, his Majeſty had given Order for the ſame accordingly.

Mr. Secretary *Hedges* acquainted the Houſe, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed to appoint this Houſe to attend him this Afternoon at Four of the Clock at *Kenſington*.

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Mr. *Blaithwaite* acquainted the Houſe, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed to direct him to lay before this Houſe and Eſtimate of the Charge of Succours for the *States General*, according to the Treaty of the Third of *March*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Seventy Seven ; And he delivered the ſame in at the Table, where the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Eſtimate be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it is referred to conſider farther of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, That he with the Houſe did attend his Majeſty upon *Saturday* laſt, and preſented to his Majeſty the Reſolution of *Friday* laſt, and that thereupon his Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Gracious Anſwer following, *viz*.

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Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council.

Sabbati 10, *die Maii* 1701.

Mr. Secretary *Vernon* acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs having been preſented to his Majeſty, That he would be pleaſed to give Order for an Eſtimate of the Charge of the Succours for the *States General*, according to the Treaty of the Third of *March*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Seventy Seven, to be laid before this Houſe, his Majeſty had given Order for the ſame accordingly.

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Mr. *Blaithwaite* acquainted the Houſe, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed to direct him to lay before this Houſe and Eſtimate of the Charge of Succours for the *States General*, according to the Treaty of the Third of *March*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Seventy Seven ; And he delivered the ſame in at the Table, where the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Eſtimate be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it is referred to conſider farther of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, That he with the Houſe did attend his Majeſty upon *Saturday* laſt, and preſented to his Majeſty the Reſolution of *Friday* laſt, and that thereupon his Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Gracious Anſwer following, *viz*.

Gentlemen,

I *Return my hearty thanks for the the ready Aſſurance you give me of providing immediate Succours for the* States General, *and for the Zeal you expreſs for the the Common Cauſe, I know nothing can be more effectual for its ſupport both at home and abroad, than the the Unanimous Concurrence which you have ſhewed upon this occaſſion ; And it will be a particular Satisfaction to me in my time, to revive the Glory which the* Engliſh *Nation has formerly had of maintaining the Liberty and Ballance of* Europe.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſoſolv d it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider farther of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty ; and after ſome time ſpent therein Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Conyers* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to Report when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be made too morrow morning

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Martis 13. *die Maii*, 1701.

Mr. *Conyers* [according to order] reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider farther of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the ſame was read and agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz*.

Reſolved Nemine Contradicente.

That Twelve Battalions part of the Standing Forces now in *Ireland*, ſhall be by new Levies made made up Ten Thouſand Men, and ſent to the Aſſiſtance of the *States General*, and no new Levies to be made in *Ireland*, or elſewhere, to ſupply the ſaid Twelve Battallions drawn out of *Ireland*.

Martis 27, *die Maii* 1701

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Clauſe upon the Report of the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty for defraying the Expence of his Navy, Guards, and Garriſons, for one Year, and for other neceſſary Occaſions, for making the Recruits of the Ten Thouſand Men that are to be ſent to the Service of the *States General*.

Martis 3, *die Junii* 1701.

Mr. *Conyers* [according to order] reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and with ſome Amendments made to ſome of them, all of them [except one which was diſagreed unto] were agreed unto by the Houſe, and are as follow, *viz*.

Reſolved, That Twenty Shillings a Man be allowed for Levy-money for the Six Thouſand Recruits to be raiſed for the Service of the *States General*.

Reſolved, That the Allowances for Contingences for the Ten Thouſand Men be Six Thouſand Pounds.

Reſolved, That One hundrhd ſeventy two thouſand eight hundred twenty ſeven Pounds ten Shillings be allowed for the Pay of the Twelve Battalions.

Reſolved, That the Sum of Six thouſand four hundred ſixty nine Pounds twelve Shillings and ſix Pence be allowed for the Pay of the General Officers.

Reſolved, That the Sum of Nine thouſand two hundred ſixty four Pounds for Poundage be deducted out of the aforeſaid Allowances.

Jovis 12, *die Junii* 1701.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty by Mr. *Alſton* Deputy Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod.

Mr. *Speaker*, The King commands this Houourable Houſe to attend him immediately in the Houſe of Peers.

And Mr. *Speaker* with the Houſe went up to attend his Majeſty.

And being returned,

Mr. *Speaker* reported his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give his Royal Aſſent to ſeveral Publick and Private Bills.

Mr. *Speaker* alſo reported that afterwards his Majeſty was pleaſed to make a moſt Gracious Speech to both Houſes; and to prevent any miſtake therein, he had deſired and obtained a Copy thereof, which he read, and is as followeth, *viz*.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I *Return you my hearty Thanks for the care you have taken to Eſtabliſh the Succeſſion to the Crown in the Proteſtant Line. And I muſt not looſe this occaſion of acquainting you, that I am likewiſe extremely ſenſible of your repeated Aſſurances of Supporting me in ſuch Alliances as ſhall be moſt proper for the Preſervation of the Liberty of* Europe, *and for the Security of* England *and* Holland. *Your ready Complyance with my Deſires, as to the Succours for the* States General *is alſo a great Satisfaction to me, as well as to the Common Cauſe. And as I have nothing ſo much at Heart as the Preſervation of the Liberty of* Europe

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and the Honour and Intereſt of England, *ſo I make no doubt of attaining thoſe great Ends, by the Bleſſing of God, and the continuance of your chearful Concurrence.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Seaſon of the Year makes it neceſſary to have a ſpeedy Receſs; and the Poſture of Affairs Abroad does alſo juſtly require my Preſence, for the Encouragement of our Allies, and for the Perfecting ſuch Alliances as may be moſt effectual for the Common Intereſt; and therefore I muſt recommend a Diſpatch of the Publick Buſineſs, eſpecially of thoſe Matters, which are of the greateſt Importance.

Reſolved Nemine Contradicente,

That an Humble Addreſs be preſented to His Majeſty, giving His Majeſty the humble Thanks of of this Houſe, for His moſt Gracious Speech from the Throne, and the Satisfaction He hath been pleaſed to expreſs of the Proceedings of this Houſe, and to aſſure him, That upon all Occaſions this Houſe will be ready to aſſiſt His Majeſty in ſupporting of thoſe Alliances His Majeſty ſhall think fit to make in Conjunction with the *Emperor* and the *States General* for Preſervation of the Liberties of *Europe*, the Proſperity and Peace of *England*, and for reducing the Exorbitant Power of *France*.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Humble Addreſs, (upon the ſaid Reſolution) to be preſented to His Majeſty. And a Committee was accordingly appointed, and they are to withdraw into the *Speaker's Chamber*, and to make their Report to the Houſe with all convenient ſpeed, and the Committee withdrew accordingly.

Mr. *Bromley* reported from the Committee appointed to withdraw and draw up the Addreſs, That they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly, which they had directed him to Report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read, and (with ſome Amendments) agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to His Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, do humbly know His Majeſty's Pleaſure, when he will be attended by this Houſe.

Veneris 13, *die Junii* 1701.

Mr. Secretary *Hedges* acquainted the Houſe, That His Majeſty had been pleaſed to appoint to be attended by this Houſe this Afternoon at Five a Clock at *Kenſington*.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Houſe of Commons to the King.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons in Parliament Aſſembled, do, with all imaginable Chearfulneſs, return Your Majeſty our humble Thankes for Your moſt Gracious Speech from the Throne; in which Your Majeſty is pleaſed to expreſs Your Royal Approbation of the Proceedings of your Commons. And we do farther unanimouſly aſſure Your Majeſty, That we will be ready on all Occaſions to aſſiſt Your Majeſty, in ſupporting ſuch Alliances as Your Majeſty ſhall think fit to make in Conjunction with the *Emperor*, and the *States General*, for the Preſervation of the Liberties of *Europe*, the Proſperity and Peace of *England*, had for reducing the Exorbiant Power of *France*.

Sabbati 14, *die Junii* 1701.

Mr. *Speaker* reported, That he with the Houſe did Yeſterday preſent to His Majeſty their Addreſs, and that thereupon His Majeſty was pleaſed to give a Gracious Anſwer, as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Thank you very heartily for the Unanimous Aſſurance you have given Me of your readineſs to aſſiſt Me in Supporting ſuch Alliances as I ſhall make in Conjunction with the Emperor, *and the* States General. *It will be a great Encouragement to them, to find the ſenſe of this Kingdom ſo fully expreſſed on this Occaſion, and will likewiſe contribute moſt effectually to the obtaining thoſe great Ends you have now mentioned, on which the Happineſs of* Europe *does ſo much depend.*

Martis 24. *die Junii.* 1701.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty by Mr. *Alſton* Deputy Gentleman-Uſher of the Black-Rod.

Mr. *Speaker*, The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend Him in the Houſe of Peers immediately.

Accordingly Mr. *Speaker* with the Houſe went up to attend his Majeſty in the Houſe of Peers, where his Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to ſeveral Publick and Private Bills.

And afterwards to make a moſt Gracious Speech to both Houſes as ſolloweth, *viz.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Seſſion being now come to a Concluſion, I muſt return you my hearty Thanks for the great Zeal you have expreſſed for the Publick Service, and your ready Compliance with thoſe things I recommended to you at the opening of this Parliament. And I muſt thank you Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons, *in particular, both for your diſpatch of thoſe neceſſary Supplies, which you have granted for the Publick Occaſions, and for the Encouragements you have given Me to enter into Alliances for the Preſervation of the Liberty of* Europe, *and the Support of the Confederacy, in which, as it ſhall be My Care, not to put the Nation to any unneceſſary Expence, ſo I make no doubt, that whatſoever ſhall be done during your Receſs, for the Advantage of the Common Cauſe, in this matter, will have your Approbation at Our meeting in Winter.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I ſhall Conclude with recommending to you all, the diſcharge of your Duties in your reſpective Countries, that the Peace of the Kingdom may be ſecured by your Vigilance and Care in your ſeveral Stations.

And afterwards the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal (by His Majeſty's Command) Prorogued the the Parliament until *Thurſday* the Seventh day of *Auguſt* next.

POSTSCRIPT.

SInce theſe Sheets were prepared for the Preſs, Three *Addreſſes* from the *Grand Juries* at the late *Aſſiſes* have been Printed, full of the like Inſinuations as the *Kentiſh Petition*, and beſides are preſcribing to the *King*, and beſpeaking a Diſſolution of the Parliament. There are farther Efforts of a reſtleſs and malicious Party of Men, who are buſie, and caſting about always to reſtore themſelves and their Friends to that Power and Authority which they have for ſeveral Years exerciſed moſt Partialy, Corruptly, and Arbitrarily, almoſt to the utter Ruine and Deſtruction of this Nation; by procuring to themſelves vaſt and exorbitant Grants of Monies, Lands, and Penſions, by unprofitable and expenſive Projects, by diverting and miſapplying Publick Monies, and as a neceſſary Conſequence from ſuch Practices, by contracting Immenſe Debts, which the moſt Regular, Wiſe, and Vertuous Adminiſtration cannot ſoon clear. This is the Caſe whatever Popular Turn they give it, and ſuch weak ſeditious Endeavours muſt have their due (that is, little) Weight, with all that conſider what Artifices have been uſed for compaſſing them, by packing Juries, and they not unaminous, and by a multitude of Falſehoods and Calumnies that have been raiſed, and with the utmoſt Confidence and Aſſurance ſpread abroad, and reported to miſlead and deceive honeſt and well-meaning Perſons. And yet after all, ſuch is the good ſenſe of our Gentry and Freeholders, they are not eaſily to be impoſed on, and therefore theſe Men have not been able, by all their Artifices and Emiſſaries to obtain more than theſe *Addreſſes* form the Fifty Two Counties of *England* and *Wales*, and them too not without the greateſt Difficulty, as well as Diſ-ingenuity.

FINIS.